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Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

I have received your monograph on the "Commemorative Coinage of the United States", and wish to thank you very much for your courtesy in sending it to me. I have just recently become interested in this commemorative coinage, and I will greatly appreciate it if I can obtain a little information from you.

Is there any place where I can obtain slides showing both the obverse and reverse of these commemorative coins? I wonder also, if you can tell me if it is possible to purchase small display cases with small pockets the size of these fifty-cent pieces? I am not familiar with supplies for coin collections and do not know where I can obtain these materials. One other question that I will appreciate information on is the name and address of a good reliable coin dealer. I have bought some coins from the Numismatic Bank at Fort Worth, Texas; ^{and} while I am perfectly satisfied with their service, it may be that you could give me information concerning other coin dealers.

*Sent 1st
Feb-23*

I trust this letter of inquiries will not weary you, and I will certainly appreciate very much any other information concerning this commemorative coinage that you may care to give me.

Very truly yours,

Arthur R. Blessing

Arthur R. Blessing,
Librarian

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February 20th, 1923

Arthur R. Blessing, Esq.
The Library
Naval War College
Newport, R.I.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favour of February 19th,
I beg to state that Mr. Wood is out of town all
this week, and your letter will be brought to his
attention upon his return.

I take pleasure in enclosing a list of
reliable coin dealers, all of whom are to be recom-
mended.

Very truly yours,

Publication Department

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February 27th, 1923

Mr. Arthur R. Blessing
Librarian, Naval War College
Newport, R.I.

Dear Sir:

I know of no place where you can obtain slides of the Commemorative coins. As a matter of fact, there is no headquarters for coin slides in this country, as from experience it has been found that no-one seems to want the slides that have already been made.

We, here, do not use slides as we show the coins direct in a lantern, similar to what is used for post cards.

I hardly know how to answer your question regarding small display cases in which to show coins. ~~Some~~ collectors have cardboard trays with holes cut in them. I do not know where these are made but would suggest your writing to some of the dealers about the matter, a list of whom was forwarded to you last week. I do know that Mr. Julius Guttag, of Guttag Bros. uses cardboard trays, but the holes are square. Why not write to him?

I take this opportunity of enclosing an application card for membership with the suggestion that it might interest you to affiliate yourself with this Society. The dues are but five dollars annually, and this would entitle you to all publications issued throughout each year. If you care to make application, I would appreciate it if you would sign the enclosed card and return to me that I may place your name before our Council at its next meeting.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

Curator